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# Global-Mark Pty Ltd

## Summary Report

### Sustainable Forest Management

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	Comments
Certification standard	AS 4708:2013
Client Name / Business name	Private Forestry Service Queensland Incorporated
Business address of the client	8 Fraser Road, Gympie, Queensland 4570.
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members:	Wayne Tibbits
Dates of review:	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2020.
Scope of activities within the scope of certification	Forest management services aiming at a range of purposes and products for private owners of native forest and/or plantation.
Type of review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Stage 1 pre-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 2 certification; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surveillance post certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Re-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up or special audit
Scope of the audit / review including sites visited	Office and field sites selected as representative of Defined Forest Area.
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p>This one-person post-certification surveillance review over two days focused on a subset of AS 4708 criteria, namely the full suite of requirements related to cultural values, social and economic benefits. Each surveillance review, such as this, also assesses a subset of the dealing with stakeholders and management system aspects of the Forest Management System [FMS], including internal audits, corrective and preventive action, and management review processes. It included site visits assessing forest operations and conditions that spanned one full day in the field that was 50% of the audit duration. Focus on sites near Gympie - Miva &amp; Gundiah, plus newly cultivated site.</p> <p>Since the previous audit in October 2019, there has been one major change in key members of staff supporting the forest management system, with the previous Executive Officer retiring and being replaced. The new Executive Officer was fully engaged with this Executive Officer and displayed strong commitment to the FMS and forest certification principles in AS 4708.</p> <p><u>Stakeholder feedback:</u> This audit did not include any consultation a sample of the organisation's stakeholders.</p> <p>During this audit we closed all five previous findings [one as minor non-conformance and others as observations] and raised only one new finding, as an observation. The client is not required to formulate a corrective action plan for the observation. It will be re-assessed at the next scheduled audit, planned for October 2021.</p> <p>We believe that the organization listed above at the site(s) listed above has the capability to systematically meet the requirements of the Australian Forestry Standard and for the activities/products and sites listed on the Global-Mark scope of certification.</p> <p>Positive implementation and effectiveness of the client's forest management system includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Roll out of new website with details of certification.</li> <li>2. Employee Duncan has developed a tree-marking App and an Inventory App.</li> <li>3. High levels of survival in young plantation.</li> <li>4. Healthy native forest regeneration and pole crops.</li> <li>5. Use of field camera set up to detect wildlife.</li> </ol> <p>In terms of areas for potential improvement we note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Trial biomass harvest again this time with equipment and personnel more suited to the forest conditions.</li> <li>2. Greater interaction with landowners to formally identify any</li> </ol>



	known cultural, economic, environmental and social values on their properties.
<b>Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units] and Defined Forest Area [DFA]</b>	Native forest and the other FMU are reforestation or plantations with native species.
<b>Guidance as to how to obtain further details of the DFA may be accessed</b>	PFSQ's website [pfsq.org.au] has five satellite image maps showing the DFA. These are at the scale of 1:250,000.
<b>The area of the DFA as advised to the Scheme Owner</b>	The current total is 6,298.3 hectares is the current total updated 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**Review team declaration:**

We confirm that for the purpose of this review:

- We did not have any conflict of interest with and are fully independent from the company listed above.
- The review team had sufficient resources, and competences to complete its review and reach its conclusions summarised here.
- We had the appropriate credentials to perform this review in accordance with Global-Mark Pty Ltd and applicable accreditation requirements.

**Comment and disclaimer on this report:**

- This summary report does not and should not be seen as advice. Please consult a qualified advisor or consultant for advice.
- Due to the sampling nature of third party business reviews, the time available and samples size, some issues, nonconformance, non-compliances or improvements might not have been identified in the present audit summarised reported. This does not imply that these issues do not exist, or are in conformance or compliance. Employees, management and other stakeholders of the organization need to and are responsible for, continuously identifying and taking necessary controls to ensure continued conformance with the standard.
- Readers of this report should make judgement taking the above into account.
- The summary report has been prepared for the abovementioned client/ business to make publicly available without request.

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